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1. OFFICE OF U.S. DIRECTOR AT IBRD HAS DISCUSSED ISSUE OF DRAFTING OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR KING TOM GENERATOR, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL A, WITH RESPONSIBLE IBRD STAFF, AND CAN FIND NO BASIS FOR ALLEGATION THAT SPECIFICATIONS FOR KING TOM GENERATOR WERE DRAWN TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. SUPPLIERS.

2. IBRD STAFF EXPLAINS THAT, SINCE PRESENT THREE UNITS AT KING TOM POWER STATION ARE SLOW SPEED DIESEL GENERATORS, BORROWER DECIDED AND WORLD BANK STAFF CONCURRED, THAT LEAST COST SOLUTION, WITH ADVANTAGE OF LOWER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, WAS TO PROVIDE A 9000 KW SLOW SPEED GENERATOR,

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COMPATIBLE WITH PRESENT UNITS. SPECIFICATIONS WERE THEN

DRAWN CALLING FOR SUCH A GENERATING UNIT. BANK STAFF HAS INFORMED U.S. OFFICE THAT U.S. SUPPLIERS DO NOT PRODUCE TYPE OF GENERATOR REQUIRED.

3. RE ADVANCE PROCUREMENT, I.E., AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR UNDER UPCOMING POWER III LOAN, JUSTIFIED BY BANK

STAFF ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED URGENT NEED FOR INSTALLATION OF POWER GENERATION CAPACITY. ALTHOUGH NOT USUAL WORLD BANK PROCEDURE THAT CONTRACTS BE AWARDED PRIOR TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS' CONSIDERATION OF A PROJECT LOAN, THIS DOES OCCUR WHEN COST AND TIMING FACTORS DICTATE, AS WAS CASE HERE. WORLD BANK IS, OF COURSE, ONLY COMMITTED TO FINANCE A PARTICULAR PROJECT WHEN IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

4. RE CONCERN EXPRESSED PARA ONE REFTEL A, IT IS USUAL UNDER WORLD BANK PROCEDURES THAT BORROWER ENGAGE CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF BIDS. IN THIS CASE, SINCE POWER SECTOR HIGHLY DISORGANIZED, GERMAN CONSULTING FIRM HAS BEEN ENGAGED BY GOSL TO MANAGE ELECTRICAL CORPORATION AND ASSIST IN ITS FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHENING. IN THIS ROLE, CONSULTING FIRM PREPARED INVESTMENT PLAN TENDER DOCUMENTS (WHICH WERE FULLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY IBRD STAFF) AND EVALUATED BIDS. THIS IS FULLY APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE.

5. WORLD BANK WILLINGNESS TO FINANCE ANY LOAN, PARA THREE REFTEL B, IS ALWAYS UNDER DISCUSSION DURING APPRAISAL OF A PROJECT AND IS NOT CERTAIN UNTIL BOARD APPROVES LOAN. IN CASE OF SIERRA LEONE, CENTRAL POINT WAS ISSUE OF COUNTRY'S CREDITWORTHINESS FOR IBRD LOAN, NOT APPROPRIATENESS OF PROJECT FOR WORLD BANK INVOLVEMENT. OTHER PROJECT ISSUES THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WERE EXTENT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. DECISION HAS NOW BEEN MADE TO MAKE WORLD BANK FUNDS AVAILABLE ON IDA TERMS. KISSINGER

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